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AIDS CONTROL PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NGOs involved in HIV/AIDS Control Programmes have found lacunae in the implementation of the programmes as reported in the `Hindustan Times` dated April 22, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether several gaping holes remain in the National AIDS Control Programme; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for proper functioning of the programme indicating the achievement made thereunder so far, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a)&(b) NGOs involved in HIV/AIDS Control Programme have made certain suggestions for improving the efficacy of the implementation of the AIDS Control Programme under Phase-II through more active participation of NGOs and better cooperation between NGOs & the Government.

(c)&(d) The National AIDS Control Programme - Phase II is being implemented satisfactorily.With a view to make the programme reach the targeted population, the activities related to it have been decentralized. Guidelines have been formulated for streamlining the process of NGO involvement.The programme is being implemented through State/UT run AIDS Control Societies established in all the States/UTs. Funds are being directly released to the Societies for carrying out the activities as approved under Phase-II through active participation of NGOs in the field of AIDS/HIV awareness.